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Applicant: Fu *et al.* Serial No.: 09/967,238

Filing Date: September 27, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING RELATIVE

ABUNDANCE OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

An Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

A Petition for 1-month Extension of Time

A check in the amount of \$110.00 covering the fee due.

2. Entity Status

■ Large Entity is proper for this case.

3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if necessary for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.

4. Provisional Fee Authorization

Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: (-21-03

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FOR: Method for Determining Relative Abundance of Nucleic Acid Sequences

EXAMINER: Gunter, D.

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## **Response to Requirement for Restriction**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the requirement for restriction requested by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed December 13, 2002 in the above-identified application, the applicants elect to begin prosecution with the claim group I (claims 1-17 and 26-28), drawn to a method of determining relative abundance of a nucleic acid sequence, without traverse. A petition for a one-month time extension accompanies this response extending the period for response to February 13, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50–2207.

Date: (-21-03)

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